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SUBJECT: ECONOMIC ALERT LIST: ROMANIAN TRACTOR SALE TO GUINEA

REF: STATE A-3503

1. DURING ROMANIAN PRESIDENT CEAUSESCU'S VISIT TO GUINEA IN 1974  
ROMANIA AND GUINEA SIGNED AN AGREEMENT PROVIDING AN USD 80 MILLION  
LONG TERM CREDIT TO THE GOG FOR PURCHASE OF AGRICULTURAL MACHINERY,  
FOR THE MINING AND PROCESSING OF BAUXITE AND FOR OTHER PROJECTS.

2. UNDER THIS CREDIT ROMANIA IS PROVIDING GUINEA WITH 3,000  
UNIVERSAL 650 M TRACTORS. THESE TRACTORS HAVE BEEN ARRIVING IN  
SUBSTANTIAL NUMBERS AND ARE VERY MUCH IN EVIDENCE IN CONAKRY AND  
IN THE INTERIOR. ACCORDING TO THE ROMANIAN AMBASSADOR, 2,200  
TRACTORS PLUS ASSORTED TRAILERS, PLOWS, DISCS AND RELATED  
EQUIPMENT HAVE BEEN DELIVERED AS OF THE END OF 1975. THE  
MAINTENANCE HAS PREDICTABLY PROVED TO BE A GREAT PROBLEM.  
THE ROMANIAN GOVERNMENT INTENDS TO ESTABLISH SEVEN MAINTENANCE  
AND SPARE PARTS CENTERS, STAFFED BY ROMANIAN MECHANICS WHO WILL  
TRAIN GUINEAN COUNTERPARTS.

3. SHIPPING COSTS FOR THE EQUIPMENT ALREADY DELIVERED WAS INCLUDED  
IN THE CREDIT AGREEMENT; HOWEVER, TRANSPORT COSTS ON SHIPMENTS  
AFTER JANUARY 1, 1976 WILL BE BORNE DIRECTLY BY THE GOG. THE  
TOTAL COST OF THE TRACTORS AND RELATED EQUIPMENT IS ESTIMATED AT  
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USD 15-20 MILLION. THE ROMANIAN AMBASSADOR LIKES TO REFER

TO THIS LARGE SUPPLY OF TRACTORS AS A COMMERCIAL TRANSACTION,  
ALTHOUGH HE ACKNOWLEDGES THAT NO PAYMENT HAS BEEN MADE AND NONE  
WILL BE FOR A LONG TIME. THE EMBASSY HAS NO MORE PRECISE INFORMAT-  
ION ABOUT THE CREDIT TERMS INVOLVED.

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